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TREATMENT AND PREVENTION
OF UROGENITAL INFECTION

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND 1.143

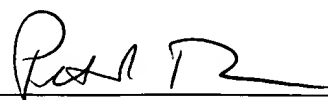
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 25, 27 and 29, drawn to a method of improving vaginal health comprising delivering a probiotic organism wherein said organism is a *Lactobacillus*.

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